

FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER - 2017

We hope all is going well for your skaters while on the ice! We want to make sure this is a positive experience for both you and your skater! Do let us know if you have any concerns or issues! We will do what we can to make it right!

Mary Bakker, AFSC President

PARENT MEETING – Monday, Nov. 6, 2017
6:35 PM – Upstairs Viewing Area of RCC – plan to attend!

PAYMENT REMINDERS: If you have chosen a payment plan, your payments are due: Classes – Monday, 11/13/17 and Private Skaters, 11/5/17 and 12/3/17. Please stop by the front office desk to make payment or simply drop them off in an envelope clearly marked with your name and what it is for! Remember, if a statement has to be created for a past due, a \$10 late fee will be added. Please stop by and see if you have any balances due. Thank you!

TESTING NIGHT: MONDAY, DEC. 4, 2017: Your skaters will be evaluated on their skills to see whether or not they are ready to be moved to the next level. Just let them know that the coaches will be looking at their skills. No need to tell them they are being tested. Stop by the front desk after their class is done and you will receive a certificate as to whether they passed into the next level or they need improvement in the current level. This will determine where to sign them up in the winter session.

HOLIDAY EXHIBITION – Set for Sunday, December 10, 2017 – 6:30 pm

If your skater would like to skate with SANTA as an elf or reindeer, look for this registration form! A lot of fun is had by all and is a great way to kick off the Christmas Season! A costume is provided for this number. Your skater can also choose to do their own routine or skate with a friend to do a duet. The SANTA practices will begin on Sunday, November 19, so they need to be registered by this date to help the coaches plan for this number. Coffee, cider, and cookies will be served after the exhibition! Come enjoy kicking off the Christmas holidays in style! NEWS ALERT: The Jefferson Carolers will also be on hand to sing for us from 6:00-6:30!

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING: Most of you have received your chocolate to sell. This fundraiser kicked off on October 23 and will end on November 13, 2017. This has gotten off to a great start and sales are great! Prizes will be awarded for participation which are explained in detail on your information sheet. If you are in need of more chocolate for sales, you may pick up on Sunday, Monday, or Thursday evenings as indicated on the form during our skating hours!

EMAIL NOTIFICATION: Please note that to receive any email notifications from the AFSC, you must go to our website: www.alexandriafigureskating.org to sign up for emails. Once you have done this, you will receive a notification asking to confirm that you requested this. Please respond that you did, otherwise, your name will not stay in the system. We put out many mass emails throughout the season for reminders, class cancellations, changes in ice times, deadline dates, etc. **BE INFORMED! SIGN UP IF YOU HAVE NOT.**

“LEGENDS” is the theme for this year’s annual Ice Revue set for April 7 & 8, 2018. Music from “singing legends” will be used. **REMEMBER:** This is ice time for your skater the entire month of March as if they were skating in another session. Classes are done at the end of February. They use their skills by skating routines to music. **ALL AGES AND LEVELS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!** We will have a separate boys number so all boys are encouraged to skate as well. AGAIN IT IS ICE TIME for all! The skaters then get to showcase their skills to mom and dad, family, and friends! We hope you can join us!

WINTER CLASSES are set to begin **January 8, 2018**. You must fill out paperwork to sign up for the next session of classes. Please know that it is difficult if you do not sign up ahead of time as classes and coaches are assigned based on registrations. If you sign up late, there is no guarantee that there is a class already prepared for your skater. **Be courteous and get your forms in by January 2, 2017.** Thank you! **REGISTRATION DATES** are Mondays, 11/27 and 12/4 during regular class times.

CLASS & SHOW REGISTRATION DATES:

Show: Sundays, Mondays, & Thursdays beginning 11/9 thru 11/20.

Class: Mondays 11/27 and 12/4 during class time.

9th Annual Central MN Compete USA Competition Series

The annual competition series is approved by US Figure Skating and will be ready shortly for opening up its registration process. Please check out the website for your registration forms: www.centralminnesotaseries.org
The site will indicate if the registration is open yet or not. It will also give you all full details of the competition.

The Central MN Compete USA Series is sponsored equally by the Diamond Edge FSC of Willmar, the St. Cloud FSC, the Fergus Falls FSC, the Vacationland FSC(Brainerd) and the Alexandria FSC. The purpose of this competition is to promote a FUN, introductory, competitive experience for the beginning skater. Basic 1 level skaters and up are encouraged to participate! You can compete in one or all of these competitions! **COME JOIN US!**

DATES FOR EACH COMPETITION are as follows:

Diamond Edge FSC/Willmar – Sat., Jan, 13, 2018

Granite City/St. Cloud FSC – Sat., Jan. 27, 2018

Vacationland FSC/Brainerd – Sat., Feb. 18, 2018

Fergus Falls FSC – Fri. & Sat., March 9 & 10, 2018

Battle of the Blades/Alexandria – Sat. March 17, 2018

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PRIVATE LESSONS or the COMPETE WITH US COMPETITIONS?

Attend an informational meeting: Monday, Nov. 6, 2017 – 7:00 pm – Upstairs viewing RCC.

ICE CHANGES: There will be some ice changes on Sundays to include the Santa practice and also on Mondays, after classes are done, the ice will be earlier in the evening. Please look to the calendar on the website for these changes. Thank you!

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~Facebook

~Newsletters

~Parent Meetings~Bulletin Board outside the AFSC office and dry erase board as you come in to the rink.~Ask questions of any AFSC board member. (listed on the bulletin board)